



## 2016-2017 Spirit of Texas Reading Program for Middle School Reading List

Recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians to encourage youth in grades 6-8 to explore a variety of quality books from Texas authors and illustrators.

Author	Title, Call Number & Brief Description
<b>Fox, Janet</b>	<a href="#"><u>The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle</u></a> <b>J FOX</b> In 1940, during the Blitz, Katherine, Robbie and Amelie Bateson are sent north to a private school in Rookskill Castle in Scotland, a brooding place, haunted by dark magic from the past--but when some of their classmates disappear Katherine has to find out if the cause is hidden in the past or very much in the present.
<b>Liss, David</b>	<a href="#"><u>Randoms</u></a> <b>J LISS</b> A twelve-year-old boy is chosen to join a four-person applicant team to work towards membership in the Confederation of United Planets, and stumbles across conspiracies resembling science fiction he's been a fan of his entire life.
<b>Paulsen, Gary</b>	<a href="#"><u>This Side of Wild</u></a> <b>YA F PAULSEN (Audiobook)</b> The Newbery Honor-winning author of Hatchet and Dogsong shares surprising true stories about his relationship with animals, highlighting their compassion, intellect, intuition, and sense of adventure.
<b>Rogers, Tom</b>	<b>Eleven</b> <a href="#"><u>Interlibrary Loan</u></a> Alex Douglas always wanted to be a hero. But nothing heroic ever happened to Alex. Nothing, that is, until his eleventh birthday, (which fell on September 11, 2001). Then everything changed.
<b>Scott, Victoria</b>	<a href="#"><u>Fire &amp; Flood</u></a> <b>YA F SCOTT</b> Tella's brother Cody is sick and getting worse, so when she finds instructions on how to become a contender in the dangerous Brimstone Bleed race where she can win a cure for him, she jumps at the chance--but there is no guarantee that she will win, or even survive.
<b>Scott, Victoria</b>	<b>Salt &amp; Stone</b> <a href="#"><u>Interlibrary Loan</u></a> Tella will have to face the unseen dangers of the ocean, the breathless cold of a mountain, and twisted new rules in the Brimstone Bleed for a chance at obtaining the Cure for her brother.
<b>Sonnenblick, Jordan</b>	<a href="#"><u>Falling Over Sideways</u></a> <b>YA F SONNENBLICK</b> Harassed at her middle school, not taken seriously at home, and with a "perfect" older brother, Matthew, to live up to, thirteen-year-old Claire has always felt like her life was cursed--then one morning, when she and her beloved father are talking at breakfast, her father suddenly falls over with a stroke, and suddenly everything changes.
<b>Sonnenblick, Jordan</b>	<a href="#"><u>Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip</u></a> <b>YA F SONNENBLICK</b> After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a



high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he is becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.